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Minden Hills pays \$160,000 settlement

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Minden Hills paid out a legal settlement of more than \$160,000 earlier this year.

The settlement came up during a presentation of the township's 2014 audit by Oscar Poloni of KPMG Auditors during a May 28 council meeting.

Chief administrative officer Lorrie Blanchard told the *Times* there was a confidentiality clause around the issue and that details could not be discussed.

The money came from township reserves.

Two former staff members sued the township for wrongful dismissal when they were fired during the previous council term under the administration of former reeve Barb Reid.

Longtime CAO Gerry Morrison was terminated in the summer of 2012 and deputy-clerk Laura Cunliffe in February 2013.

Morrison settled with the township last year, and while the paper filed a Freedom of Information request for the amount, it was denied the information by the privacy commissioner as the details were subject to solicitor-client privilege.

The Cunliffe matter is now also closed, but the paper can't confirm the settlement is connected.

The township did well on its audit, ending 2014 with a \$300,000 surplus.

"I would tell you that's pretty close," Poloni said, adding the amount was within

see AUDITOR page 9

Concert for Irondale

The Russell deCarle Trio performed in Irondale May 30 as part of a fundraiser to help restore the heritage church. From left, Denis Keldie, Russell deCarle, and Steve Briggs. More on page 12.
/ELIZABETH BATE staff



Local MP defends partisan mailer

by **ANGELICA BLENICH**
Times Staff

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin said in hindsight he can see why some people are upset about a recent mail-out that was sent to every mailbox in the riding, outlining part of the Conservative party's platform.

The document, which appeared in local mailboxes last week, is specifically focused on family tax cuts and benefits being pro-

posed by the Conservative government and included information on the proposed "NDP/Liberal scheme."

When Minden Hills resident Elizabeth Turner received the mailer she was unimpressed, believing information about public programs should come under the Government of Canada rather than a party.

"I was really mad when I read it," she said. "I got on the phone right away."

Turner expressed her concern with Devolin's office and asked who paid for the mail-out.

"I gave the title of the ad and I asked if it was paid for with public money or ... whether it was paid for by the Conservatives and she [Devolin's office] said it was public money."

Turner believes the document erodes the democratic process, even though all parties are able to send similar mail-outs.

"I think, yes, inform your constituents, but there is a difference between informing your constituents about programs they can benefit from and comparing inaccurately the Conservatives to the other parties – lumping

see MAILER page 11

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County warden Murray Fearrey, left, greets Patrick Dube of Greystone Construction at the opening reception of the county's new EMS base, which was built by Greystone.



Retired Haliburton County EMS director Pat Kennedy speaks at the opening reception for the municipality's new EMS base in Minden. Before he retired in 2014, Kennedy was heavily involved in the project, which was in the planning stages for years.

Haliburton County EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones, right, chats with visitors at the opening of the county's new emergency base on the former Walker's Auto Repair property in Minden.



County officially opens paramedic base on Hwy 35

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

It was the culmination of years of work.

On May 27, Haliburton County officially opened its new paramedic base along Highway 35 in Minden.

The building is located on the property that for years housed Walker's Auto Repair and the official opening – the facility has been operational for almost two months – was timed to coincide with Paramedic Services Week.

"We started talking about it eight years ago," said Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey at a reception at the new facility, quipping, "That tells you how quickly we work. It's a very functional building . . . it isn't over the top. It will serve its purpose."

The county purchased the five-acre property for \$385,000 in 2010, eventually running the water and sewer system from Minden Hills under Highway 35 to the site.

For a time it appeared Minden Hills might partner with the county on a joint fire hall/paramedic base and the two municipalities split costs on some initial studies.

While the joint facility did not go ahead, the county will sell a portion of the property to Minden Hills for more than \$360,000 for the eventual construction of a new fire hall.

The contract for \$1.2-million building was awarded to Huntsville's Greystone Construction last June.

"We've come so far since I started in 1980," said retired EMS director Pat Kennedy, under whom the project started. "We had more heart than skill then. We've come a long way."

Kennedy retired in early 2014, succeeded by current director Craig Jones.

"This base is going to position Haliburton County Paramedics to be able to respond to the needs of Haliburton County residents now and in the future," Jones said.

MPP Laurie Scott couldn't make the reception, but sent greetings through Fearrey, praising the project for being on time and on budget.

"It underscores a success that can be achieved when community partners work together," her message read.

The new location is expected to reduce response times for ambulances and eventually save the county some money, as it has been leasing space for its ambulances in downtown Minden for years.



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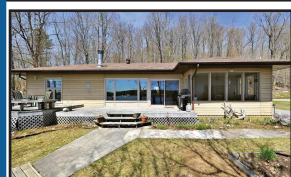
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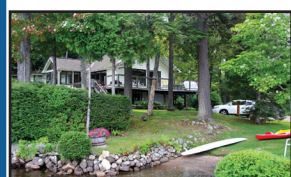
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Young Eagles to soar next weekend

Haliburton young people, ages eight to 17, will have a chance to take to the skies on Friday June 12, 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday June 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to experience the thrill of flight. This is the 22nd annual event at the Haliburton Stanhope Airport where over 2,600 local young people have enjoyed a flight since 1994.

Participants attending the flight program will be required to have a parent complete and sign a Young Eagle registration form that is currently available at the airport terminal building, and will be available on the days of the event.

The EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) Young Eagles Program was created to interest young people in aviation. Since the program was launched in 1992, volunteer EAA pilots have flown more than 1.9 million young people who reside in more than 90 countries.

Pilots at the event will explain what will happen during

the flight and about their airplanes, allowing young people to discover how airplanes work and how pilots ensure safety is the prime concern for every flight. Each pilot volunteers their time and aircraft so the flights can be provided free of charge for interested young people.

Following the flight each young person will receive a certificate making them an official Young Eagle. Their name will then be entered into the “World’s Largest Logbook” which is on permanent display at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh Wisconsin. The logbook is also accessible on the internet at www.youngeagles.org. In addition to the certificate the new Young Eagle will be given a logbook with an access code for a complete free online Flight Training course.

Additional information about the EAA and the EAA Young Eagles program is available on the Internet at www.eaa.org. and www.youngeagles.org.

For more information about the event call Airport Manager Cam Loucks at 705-754-2611 or email cloucks@algonquin-highlands.ca.
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Take Notice there will be a Special Meeting of Council held on Friday, June 5, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.
The purpose of the Special Meeting is to:

1. Approve the funding allocation for the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program in support of renovations to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre; and
2. Enter into an Agreement with Real Term Energy Corp. for the LED Streetlight Retrofit Project.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

June 8
Youth Softball League season opener, Minden Fairgrounds, games begin at 6:30 pm.
June 11
Committee of the Whole meeting, 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers
June 25
Regular meeting of Council, 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers

COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE for a schedule of Council's Advisory Boards and Committees meeting dates and locations, visit the Township's website at www.mindenhills.ca or contact the Clerk's Office at 705-286-1260 ext. 212.

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

The 2015 Final Residential tax bills will be mailed on June 5, 2015. Payments may be made in 2 installments; July 17th & September 18th, 2015. Payments received after May 25th may not be reflected on your tax bill. Overdue amounts do not include penalty/interest for June. Property owners are responsible to provide to the Municipal Office written notification of any address change. Failure to receive your tax bill does not exempt penalty charges from being applied to a tax account. Tax bills on the monthly or arrears preauthorized payment plan will be mailed later in June. Please contact our office if you have not received your bill(s) prior to the July due date or for a current balance update. Visit www.mindenhills.ca or call for more information and for payment options.

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Saturday, June 13 from 1pm to 3pm
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Saturday afternoons - June 6th to August 15th (with the exception of July 11th and 18th)
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Cost is \$2.00 per person/per session
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For more information on this program please contact Elisha Weiss at 705-286-1936 x204 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

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Fireworks at dusk at the Minden Fairgrounds.
To have a booth or volunteer please contact Elisha Weiss at 286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

NOTICE OF SEWER FLUSHING

Please note that regularly scheduled sewer maintenance will be taking place throughout the Township of Minden Hills Wastewater Collection System during the **month of June** to remove settled and accumulated material.
During this process, pressurized water will be released at each manhole on the roadway through the sanitary sewer lines to remove any buildup.
A bubbling and/or vacuum effect may be noticed in your drains and/or toilets due to this maintenance flushing. It is recommended to keep toilet seats closed and cover any floor drains. Internal plumbing consists of "P" traps which hold a volume of water to prevent sewer gases from migrating into the home. During the flushing process, this water could be drawn out of the traps by negative pressure created in the sanitary sewer line. For this reason **it is important to refill all plumbing traps by running the water in your sinks and floor drains after work is completed.**

We ask for your patience and understanding during this process as it is necessary to eliminate the potential for sanitary sewer main surcharging which could result in damage to property.
Please contact Ivan Ingram, Environmental & Property Operations Manager at iingram@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1260 ext. 216 for more information.

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Rodeo comes to Minden in June

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Get out your chaps and spurs; the rodeo is coming to Minden.

At their May 28 meeting, Minden Hills councillors unanimously and without conversation passed a staff recommendation that \$1,400 in fees be waived to allow the Minden Agricultural Society to bring the RAM Rodeo to the fairgrounds on June 27 and 28.

The event will act as a fundraiser for the society, which hosts the Haliburton County Fair.

Society president Joe Graham along with

Ross Millar, proprietor of the RAM Rodeo, visited councillors at their May 14 committee-of-the-whole meeting, explaining some 200 cowboys and cowgirls would come to town to compete during the two-day event.

Millar told councillors he has an open-book policy with the SPCA and that in 19 years of business, his rodeo has never had a citation.

While council recently passed a bylaw capping annual grants and waivers to organizations at \$750, the regulation does not apply to the agricultural society or the Minden Kin Club for use of the fairgrounds. There are historical agreements with these groups in place, dating back to the ceding of the fair-ground lands to the municipality.

MH considers natural gas proposal

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

A Niagara-area company wants to make natural gas an energy option for Minden residents.

During their May 28 meeting, Minden Hills councillors heard from Joshua Samuel, president and CEO of Northeast Midstream, based in Thorold, Ont.

As Samuel explained, the province has made \$230 million in funding available for the expansion of natural gas use into rural and northern Ontario and Minden and other communities in the area meet the criteria.

Samuel’s plan, should he succeed in attaining funding, is to transport liquefied natural gas by truck from a facility in Thorold.

“That facility is designed to liquefy natural gas off the pipeline,” Samuel said, explaining that running a pipeline to Haliburton County is not feasible. “The distance between here and Lindsay is just too far.”

While that facility is not yet complete, Samuel said it will be by late 2016.

In the meantime, Samuel is looking for expressions of interest from communities to help him with his funding application; the project would have to begin in July to meet the government’s timeline, meaning he’ll need a decision from council by the end of June.

Samuel, who also visited Dysart et al council last week, stressed the municipality had nothing to lose by expressing interest and said he’d already received support from nine townships.

“If successful in getting funding from the government, we’re going to go ahead,” he said. “If we’re not successful, you lose nothing.”

If the project does move ahead and a localized natural gas system is installed in Minden, there is no obligation for anyone to use it. It would just be another energy option, such as propane or electricity, which Samuel stressed

cost more than natural gas would.

According to Samuel, natural gas is up to 25 per cent cheaper than propane and up to 75 per cent cheaper than electricity, which could result in a net savings per household of between \$1,000 to \$3,000 a year.

Depending on a home’s existing heat source, it could cost between \$100 and a couple thousand dollars for conversion, he said.

He stressed like other energy sources, natural gas is a regulated utility, overseen by the Ontario Energy Board.

“I think we need to bring alternative energies here, so I’m glad to see this going forward,” Councillor Pam Sayne said of Samuel’s proposal.

Sayne wondered if Samuel’s company was a subsidiary of or had any agreement with larger fuel companies, such as Enbridge.

Samuel said no.

Councillor Jeanne Anthon, noting that most of the area’s industry is located outside of town centres, wondering how far a local natural gas system for Minden would extend.

“I’m not familiar with your town,” Samuel said. “We would initially focus in the town core.”

While Reeve Brent Devolin liked the concept, he was concerned about the timeline.

“It’s a tight box to get into for the end of June,” Devolin said, adding he’d be in conversation with municipal partners. “Conceptually, it’s a great idea, but the devil will be in the details.”

Chief administrative office Lorrie Blanchard, who stressed the township’s solicitor would need to review any agreement council was being asked to sign, had a number of questions for Samuel and requested more information about the company itself, experience, references and financial statements.

“We want to make sure we are as familiar with you as you are with us as a township,” Blanchard said.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & PUBLIC MEETING 9 NEWCASTLE STREET PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (RZ-15-03)

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township’s Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as 9 Newcastle Street and being located in Part of Lot 3, Concession ‘A’ in the Geographic Township of Minden (see Key Map below).

AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Residential Type One (R1). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to Residential Type Two Exception Eleven (R2-11). The effect of the amendment is to permit a fifteen (15) unit multi-residential residential building.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING – RZ 15-03

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2015
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or by calling Mr. Ian Clendening at 705-286-1260 (ext. 206).

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board.

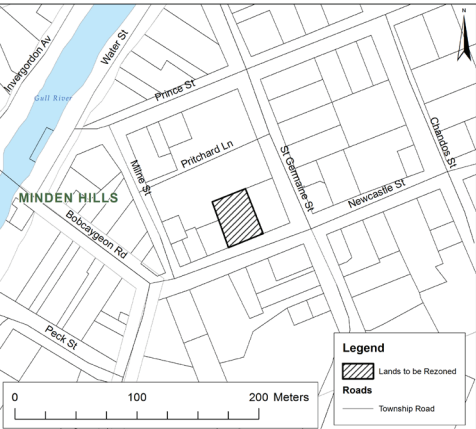
IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request (with a forwarding address) to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills.

DATED this 4th day of June, 2015

Ian Clendening
Planner
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Tel. (705) 286-1260 ext. 206

KEY MAP RZ 15-03



This Figure is not an excerpt from the Township of Minden Hills Official Plan or Zoning By-law 06-10, and is not to be considered a legal description of the boundaries of the properties affected by this application; it has been included for reference purposes only.



Renowned author leads writers’ workshop

Canadian award-winning author Donna Morrissey shows the emotion necessary to write at the Discover your Voice creative writing workshop on Friday, May 22 at Nature’s Place in Minden. Organized by the Haliburton Highlands Writers’ and Editors’ Network (HHWEN), the day-long event encouraged the use of emotion, passion and energy to find the inner voice. See www.haliburtonwriters.ca/ for other HHWEN events. /DARREN LUM Staff

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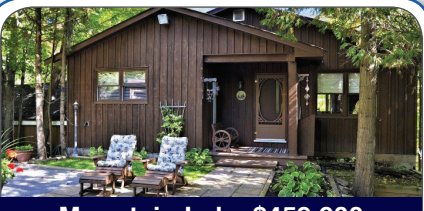
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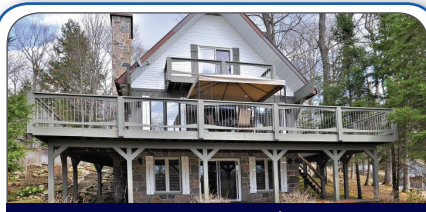


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Mail fail

WITH HIS MOST recent mail-out to constituents, MP Barry Devolin has gone where many MPs have gone before; that is, using public money to make attacks on his political opponents.

Unlike most of the literature sent out by our MP – dealing with localized issues, the work Devolin himself has been doing, etc. – the recent mailer was generic partisan propaganda, a tactless, election-season hocking of the Conservatives' Universal Child Care Benefit.

Before I continue, it's important to point out that I'm not suggesting Devolin has broken any rules, because he hasn't. We have a system that is so screwed up it seems to permit MPs to spend money from their publicly funded offices on a certain amount of partisan promotion.

But that's a whole other column.

There are certainly MPs who pull this tactic much more often than Devolin, who thankfully doesn't

make of a habit of sending this kind of mind-numbingly stupid drivel to residents of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

Frankly, he usually has more class than that.

The four-page document – I'd call it a pamphlet, but it unfolds to have as much surface area as an atlas – starts innocuously enough, with a blurb about the UCCB and a corny graphic of a cheque from the Government of Canada paid to the order of "mom and dad."

But it's the - let's call it an "info graphic" - on page 3 that is the real kicker. Tearing into the Liberals and NDP, it's pure propaganda, baby; cartoon-ish, over-simplified, half-truth-telling rhetoric designed to manipulate morons.

On the left, amidst a light background and under the banner "Conservative plan," we have bullet points with meaningless phrases such as "you choose," "low taxes," etc.

Beneath is a picture of our Prime Minister, doing the creepy, dead-eyed face contortion we've come to know as his smile.

On the right, amidst a dark background and under the banner "NDP/ Liberal scheme," we have bullet points with meaningless phrases such as "they choose," "high taxes," etc.

Beneath are pictures of NDP leader Thomas Mulcair and Liberal counterpart Justin Trudeau.

Both photos are unflattering, of course, Mulcair sporting a homicidal gleam and his fingers tented like some kind of Bond villain, and Trudeau with the trout-eyed blank stare of a man who's been walked in on halfway through a bowel movement.

(His hair still looks great, though.)

The whole thing is insulting to the intelligence of the people of this riding and, I would argue, all Canadians. For me, the takeaway was, "My MP thinks I'm a simpleton."

And we paid for it. At 25 to 30 cents per flyer for 60,000 flyers, we paid between \$15,000 and \$18,000 for it.

And all this is coming from a deputy Speaker of the House who used to talk about the low level of decorum in the House of Commons.

It's a misstep that is out of step for Devolin, an undeniably intelligent and affable man who, normally, is about as polite as politicians come.

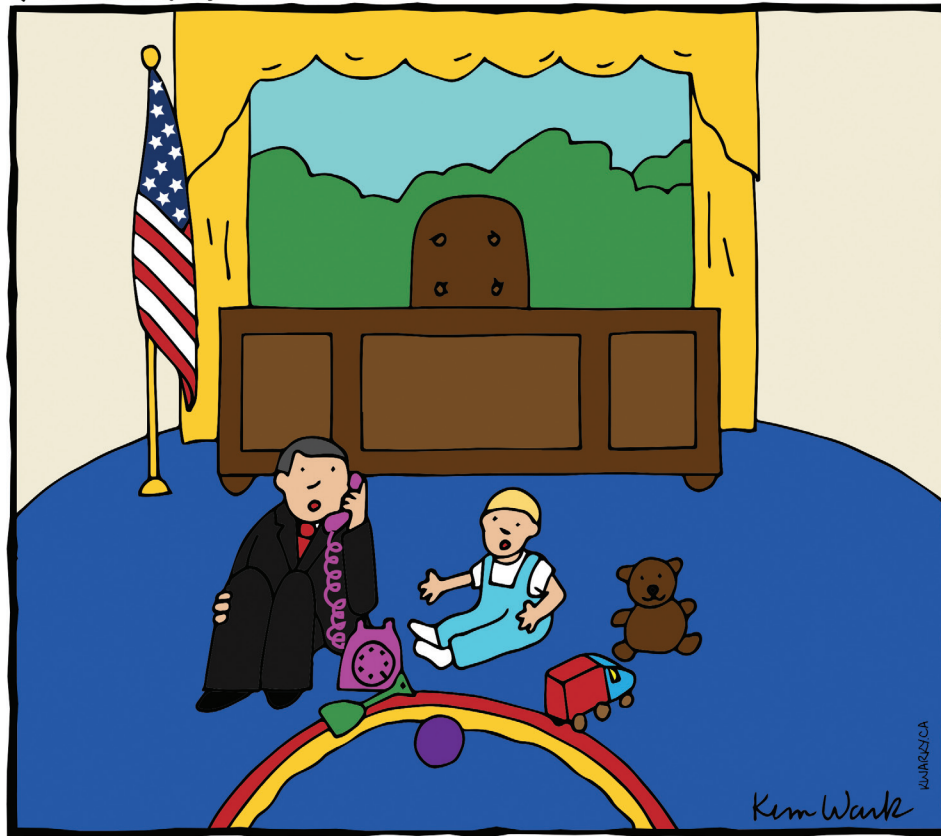
Of course, there is really no implication for him. Like at least a couple dozen of his colleagues, Devolin is jumping from the sinking ship of the Harper government – it will at least lose its majority status, maybe power, in the October election – and is not seeking re-election.

Whoever his successor may be, whatever political stripe, may he recognize that many of us don't appreciate this kind of publicly funded, partisan, lowbrow garbage in our mailboxes.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

KWARKY



"O.K., I FOUND A SECURE LINE."

Short notice brookies

AS I WRITE THIS I just received a surprise call from three guys who want to go fishing. And they want to go fishing now.

I don't know them but I immediately like them. You see, they want to go for brook trout. In my mind, a person who likes brook trout can't be all bad.

This is one of those dilemmas that no outdoorsman should face. It's either write this column or go fishing now.

Brook trout, in case I haven't mentioned before, is my favourite species to fish for. There is nothing like them.

So, as you can imagine, the temptation to leave right now in mid-sentence is actually overwhelming. Having said that, I am a professional. That means I'll stay to write this stupid, old column. Or, at the very least, the next paragraph.

I'll take it seriously too. And I'll try to fill the space with witty and useful thoughts – even though I've only got 400 words left to do it in.

Did I mention that as soon as I'm done here I'm going brook trout fishing?

Or that they are my favourite fish in the world to catch?

I suppose I did.

As I write this it occurs to me that this could merely be a test from my editor to see exactly how professional I am. I can see it now. She probably orchestrated the phone call as part of an elaborate plot to torture me for all the unnecessary editing I have put her through over the years.

I imagine she had been bidding her time and waiting till the moment was just right. I haven't been fishing in a week, so I'm desperately in need of a fix. And, of course,

we're in the prime part of brook trout season.

It's diabolical if you ask me. I mean, what kind of fiend would do this?

OK, perhaps, this was not the work of an editor at all. Maybe it was just a series of unfortunate coincidences – the kind the universe throws at you every now and again.

Choose between work and fishing. Show us what you are made of.

That kind of thing. Work or fishing?

On one hand I could do the responsible thing that is expected of every man. On the other hand I could write this column.

It seems to me I have to endure a decision like this at least once or twice a fishing season. The fish call, but they do so while I'm at work. And I sit here and writhe and wriggle and write a column as quickly as I can in order to meet both obligations.

While I'm doing this, I can't help but think the bite is slowly fading. Then

I wonder why these guys didn't give me a little more notice. I mean I'm all for spontaneity – which is why I always write my column just minutes before deadline – but not in fishing.

A fishing trip should be a planned event. Otherwise you tend to forget things – like work, for instance.

And perhaps that's the genius of this whole idea. This column is nearly done. I'm going fishing. Brook trout are waiting.

And as soon as I finish this very last sentence, work will be forgotten for at least a few hours.

Heck, the more I think about it, the more I think these guys are onto something.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Shadowlands

WITH THE SPRINGTIME extravaganza of new growth comes shade. Leafy canopies filter a hardening summer sun, providing welcome pools of cool dimness within the forest, and our yards.

Shadows cast by trees provide sanctuary for wildlife wanting to nap, or to help conceal their young while they go off to hunt. They help the soil retain moisture needed for all forms of life. And yes, they keep the sun away from dank spots where spring's bloodsucking bugs breed and fuel up before taking off in search of cottagers and other woodsy folk.

Too much of a good thing, however, creates complications and challenges. In the case of shadows this is especially true for city folk. The big cities must deal with the impacts of shadows cast by buildings that continue to soar higher and higher above urban landscapes.

Better construction methods and materials, architectural ingenuity and extreme wealth is creating cloud punchers that make New York's Empire State Building look like a shrimp. Towers of luxury living rising on the skylines of Toronto, Vancouver, New York and other North American cities are darkening streets and dimming the healthy light in parks and gardens.

In New York, more long shadows are crowding in to dim the world famous Central Park. A new luxury condo building at 432 Park Ave. is 1,396 feet tall, the highest residential building in the western hemisphere. Just blocks away the planned Nordstrom Tower will loom even higher.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

These buildings and their moving shadows illustrate the widening chasm between the rich and the poor. The billionaire living in the \$98-million penthouse at 432 Park Avenue has bought the rights to the sky, its sunlight and its spectacular view of Central Park below. The poor, who need the park for relaxation and recreation, have their enjoyment hours further shortened by the building's shadows.

Big cities are expensive places in which to live. Parks are places where the non-rich can go without having to pay.

Lengthening building shadows also illustrate the clash between the need for urban growth and the desire for sunlight. It is not a new problem and many big cities have been trying to deal with it for decades.

New York has been struggling with the shadow problem for 100 years. In 1915 the 42-storey Equitable Building went up, laying down a seven-acre shadow across Lower Manhattan. Objections to the building and its shadow led to the city's first comprehensive zoning law.

Over the years cities in Canada and the U.S. have made attempts, some successful, some not, to control shadow impact. San Francisco has a bylaw requiring its parks commission to review plans for any building that might throw shadows on public parks.

The conflict between growth and light is complex, not easily resolved, if it can be resolved at all. There is only so much land in the world and the swelling population now tops seven billion. The need for affordable housing is seen almost everywhere. One way to cram more people into shrinking space is to go up. More tall buildings, more shadowlands.

Fortunately this is not a problem we in Haliburton County have to spend much time worrying about. At least for now.

I did have a problem with shadows while out fishing the other day. The wind was nasty, bumping my little boat around enough to interrupt the quick naps I occasionally take when the fish aren't co-operating. So I motored in behind an island where the water was relaxed and the shoreline trees shut off the late day sun.

It was pleasantly relaxing back there. The water was flat and black. A brook murmured as it spilled into the lake.

Then they found me. Millions of mosquitoes were hatching on the lake's surface. They were joined quickly by millions of black flies hatching in the brook's flowing water. A breeze was nowhere to be found and I was the only warm blooded creature anywhere to be seen.

I fled the shadows into the wind and whitecaps without leaving too much blood behind.

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We believe that the best way to celebrate our success, and express our gratitude to those who have made it possible, is to find ways to give back. All staff at NLC have decided that the cause we would like to support is eradicating hunger in our communities.

On June 4, over 180 NLC employees will be fanning out in our communities across Ontario and partnering with organizations, individuals and businesses to contribute to this cause. Specific to this area, the Minden team will be going to Abbey Gardens to work in the vegetable garden from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Abbey Gardens is an inspired community project that encourages visitors to think more

sustainably about land, food, energy and economy. The garden offers fresh ideas about local food and inspires collaboration in our growing community. Produce harvested from the canning and fermenting garden will be prepped in the community kitchen and donated throughout the harvest season.

Northern Lights Canada has been helping individuals and organizations for 30 years. Our dedication to improving people's lives has set us apart and garnered a 99.6 per cent satisfaction rating when working with well over one million people – individuals with disabilities, job seekers, employers, corporate teams and organizations. NLC provides services on behalf of private customers and all levels of Canadian government.

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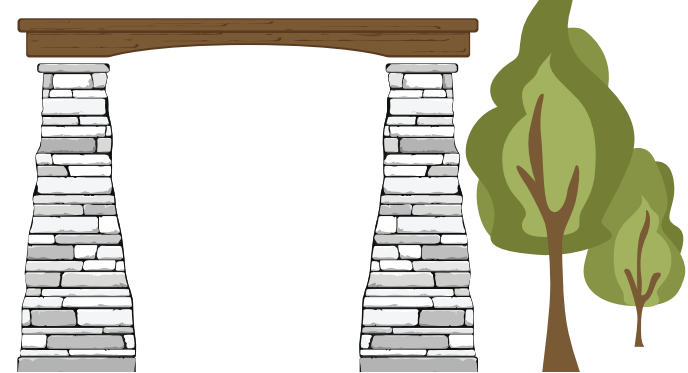
The United Church of Canada is celebrating its 90th anniversary on Wednesday, June 10. The inaugural service was held on this date in 1925 at 10:30 a.m. To mark this occasion the United churches across Canada are asked to ring their church bells 90 times at 10:30 a.m. in every time zone. The Haliburton Pastoral Charge, consist-

ing of churches in Ingoldsby, Lochlin, and Haliburton will ring their bells at 10:30 a.m. in Ingoldsby and Haliburton. The Haliburton Church is opening their doors at this time to welcome everyone to join in "the ringing of the bells" with cake and coffee. Please join us.

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The Archie Stouffer Elementary School Recycling Crew from left, of Dylan Garbutt, Ben Prentice, Kathryn Christian, Griffen Baldry and Drew Foster stand with Grade 3 teacher Michele Coneybeare and head custodian Rob Parish, who praises the crew for its commitment and efforts the past three years. The crew's Grade 8 contingent is graduating and will leave the recycling duties to Aidan McAlister, Devyn Garbutt, Cole Prentice, Nathan Miscio and Sydney Christian./DARREN LUM Staff

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End of an era for ASES recycling

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The strength of the Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) Recycling Crew is in the bonds of friendship between long-time friends Ben Prentice, Dylan Garbutt, Griffen Baldry and Drew Foster.

Each morning before school for the past three years, this group of close friends and peers has been coming together to transport the classes' recyclable material from the blue bins to the truck containers a few hundred metres away at the Minden school.

Not a lot has to be said about the volunteer work, as there is a particular shorthand shared by the boys, having known each other for years.

When it comes to getting interviewed it's not a surprise the group has little to say.

However knowing they are making a difference by reducing the garbage that goes to the landfill makes them all feel good and gives them a chance to hang out with each other and to miss a bit of school occasionally.

The crew includes Kathryn Christian, who broadcasts the Three R song over the public address speakers to cue the classes to bring their recycling to the blue bins, kickstarting the school's recycling process each day.

"If I don't do it, no one would recycle," she said.

When she leaves, her duties will be taken over by younger sister Sydney.

Grade 3 teacher Michele Coneybeare wanted to give these students the recognition they would have otherwise avoided.

"As you can imagine, ASES creates a tremendous amount of garbage on a daily basis. The recycling program is critical in protecting the Earth and teaching our young people how and what to recycle. Recycling is encouraged by the school board but not supported with custodial funding so the program is totally based on volunteers. Without student and staff volunteers we would not be able to recycle to the degree that we do here at ASES," she wrote in an email.

The school's head custodian Rob Parish praised the students.

He said he is thoroughly impressed by the crew's commitment and dedication.

"They are the best we've ever had," he said, smiling. "They're upstanding young kids."

Parish, who has been with the school since 1996, said you can count on them all the time.

He points out the students' efforts never waver even when the thermometer dips below freezing, touching -30 degrees Celsius, or close to Christmas and before the March Break when the amount of recyclable material nearly quadruples.

The crew will be graduating this year and leaving the recycling responsibilities to Grade 6 students Aidan McAlister, Devyn Garbutt, Cole Prentice and Nathan Miscio.

"These new boys are eager and willing to be trained to take over the role of the present team. They will do the exact same job as the present team," Coneybeare said.



The Archie Stouffer Elementary School Recycling Crew of Ben Prentice, left, and Griffen Baldry walk the recycling over to the truck bins at the Minden school, as they've done for the past three years.

Natural heritage proposal gets county approval

Rail Trail based project can now seek grant funding

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County will act as the lead on a funding application to support a natural heritage study along the Haliburton County Rail Trail.

The proposal was first brought to council by Pamela Marsales, co-ordinator of the Toronto to Algonquin Greenway (TAG) project at an April 29 meeting.

It would involve a committee of local scientists and ultimately create a database of habitats and species types along the corridor.

Some councillors had expressed hesitance about having such a study conducted along a thoroughfare where ATVs are permitted and that hesitance was expressed again when the issue came back to the table at a May 27 meeting.

"I have given this a lot of thought since the last meeting," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, reiterating she had concerns about promoting natural heritage along the trail because of the ATVs on the trail. "It's like inviting someone to a Simon and Garfunkel concert and they get here and it's ACDC."

"I have some of the same concerns about different types of use," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin.

"There's a clear description of what the Rail Trail is . . . it's a multi-use trail," said Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts, adding she was fine with the project.

In 2011, the county commissioned a consultant to conduct a lengthy public consultation process on the Rail Trail. Advocates for strictly motorized and strictly non-motorized use of the corridor had been clashing for years. The report resulting from the consultation recommended the trail remain a multi-use space.

Marsales and project partners will prepare the application and the county will act as a lead in the request for a grant from the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

"I'm delighted that council agreed to this," Marsales told the paper.

The deadline for the grant proposal is July 15. If Marsales is successful in attaining the funding, the study will begin in November, running until October of 2016.

Auditor praises Minden Hills

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five per cent of budgeted expenses. "That's pretty close to break-even."

He called the township's bookkeeping and staff co-operation "exceptional."

"You have good cost control, but you also have a good budgeting process," he said, adding he found "no uncorrected audit differences other than those of a trivial nature."

Governing signage on Rail Trail

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

A draft policy for signage on the Haliburton County Rail Trail will come back to the county council table at council's next meeting.

Councillors took issue with parts of the draft policy they reviewed during their May 27 meeting.

Recently the municipality has been dealing with unwanted signage along the thoroughfare, which is the old rail bed from Kinmount to Haliburton Village, with county staff removing the signs.

The draft policy dictates what kind of signage will be permitted along the trail.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen didn't think the document provided enough detail.

"Who decides what's appropriate and what's inappropriate?" Danielsen asked.

"I think what you're trying to do here is just keep it clean," said Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt in particular

took issue with a portion of the draft policy that would allow individuals, interest groups or organizations wishing to place a sign along the Rail Trail to fill out an application form with the county.

"I didn't know we were going to allow any signage along the Rail Trail [with the exception of directional signage]," Moffatt said.

She believed the draft policy failed to take into account many recommendations laid out in a strategy for the Rail Trail that was the result of a large, public consultation process the county undertook in 2011.

"I just have some concerns this document is taking us in a direction we're not prepared to go," Moffatt said. "So much angst and struggle went into that consultation process."

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge thought the only signs along the corridor – be they directional or interpretive – should be installed by the county itself.

"We don't want advertising on the Rail Trail," Partridge said.

While the draft policy prohibited signs by larger business, it provides access for home-based business signs.

A revised draft will come back to council.

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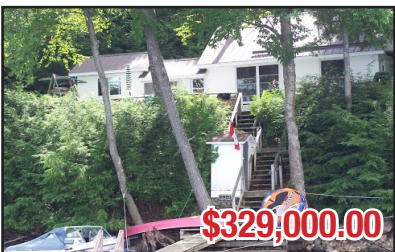
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Minden man charged with assault, theft

A Minden man has been charged with assault after an attempted shoplifting at a Bobcaygeon Road business.

According to Haliburton Highlands OPP, at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, officers were called to On The Spot Variety in Minden's downtown where a shoplifting suspect was being detained by staff.

According to police, the 20 year old be-

came violent, assaulting two staff members.

He's been charged with two counts of assault and theft under \$5,000, as well as failing to comply with probation and assaulting a police officer.

The man was held at the Haliburton Highlands detachment until May 29, when he was transported to Lindsay for a bail hearing.



New picnic tables for Rotary Park

The Minden Rotary Club has added seven new picnic tables to Rotary Park, off Highway 35 along the Gull River in Minden. Five of the seven tables have an elongated end to make them accessible for those in wheelchairs. Pictured, from left, are Rotarians Barry Cray, Betty Mark, president Kay Godden, Joanna Penfold and Lynda Litwin. The club thanked the Minden Hills community services department for its assistance, as well Home Hardware, Limberlost and Dorset TimBr Mart for materials and services. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

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Candidates say mailer is inaccurate

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the other parties together and giving inaccurate or incomplete views of what they would do in a publicly funded paper. That's my problem."

Devolin said his office has received feedback on the mail-out, both good and bad, and that it followed all proper procedures.

"When we send a household mailer like that, which is four times a year ... we always get feedback," he said. "Sometimes people being critical and other times people saying thanks for the information."

Unlike some of Devolin's mail-outs, which contain region specific information, this one was sent to every household in the riding, approximately 60,000 of them.

Each one cost approximately 25 to 30 cents to produce and mail, said Devolin. That cost was paid for by Devolin's office.

The MP said every caucus prepares literature for their members on a regular basis, however it is up to the individual MPs if they want to use them or not. He typically choses not to send them out.

"As a member I can use what is provided to me by caucus or I can choose to do my own," he said. "Most of the time I use my own. I don't very often use the Conservative caucus materials."

He said he chose to send this one because he felt it presented information from the budget in a clear and factual manner.

"I do know that people have said it is more partisan than what they usually get from me," said Devolin. "And that's true because most of the time the stuff I send out is not partisan at all."

The MP said he asked his staff what it was specifically about the mailer that constituents were complaining about, and that most referred to the graphics of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, NDP leader Thomas Mulcair and Liberal party leader Justin Trudeau.

"I think that's the piece that kind of struck people as unusually partisan," he said.

In hindsight Devolin says perhaps he should have changed the graphics, to make it seem less partisan.

The MP believes that much of the public feedback is a result of constituents not expecting literature like this from the politician's office.

"Most MPs send out stuff that is quite partisan all the time," he said, pointing to information he receives from Paul Dewar, his local MP representative in Ottawa. "As deputy-speaker I'm actually required to be less partisan ... what I sent out is actually typical for most MPs."

Devolin said he's gotten two types of responses from the public, those saying they think he's broken the rules, which he reiterates he did not, and others saying they were surprised to receive something so partisan from him.

"It's almost like a backhanded compliment," he said.

NDP candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Mike Perry told the paper the feedback he has heard from constituents is that they are tired of this silliness and being treated like fools.

"The rhetoric in Mr. Devolin's flyer is simply not true," he wrote in an email. "On top of keeping the increased universal child credit benefit promised by the Conservatives, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair's plan will provide one million child care spaces that will cost parents \$15 per day."

Perry went further to say both the Conservatives and Liberals have talked about a national child care plan in the past but have not delivered.

If elected, Perry said household flyers would focus on providing helpful information on important local issues and how the federal government can help.

Liberal candidate David Marquis said the information contained in the brochure did not come as a shock to him.

"I'm kind of disappointed, but not really surprised that they continue to use partisan, misleading election style ads," he said. "It's quite disappointing. The Harper government likes to, for some reason, spend a lot of the taxpayers' money on election style ads."

Marquis said it's disconcerting that these types of materials are being used outside of the writ period.

"For us it's quite misleading, in terms of what they're trying to say about us [the Liberal party] and the NDP of course," he said. "I like to keep it positive."

Marquis believes the current Liberal policy is much fairer for the middle class and seniors. Unlike what the mailer indicates, the Liberal party is not planning on eliminating pension income splitting for seniors and plans to restore the eligibility age for old age security and guaranteed income supplement.

"That means so much to people who are about to collect those two things from the government," said Marquis.

The Liberal candidate said he believes the mailer indicates a long election period is in store for voters and that if he were elected he would not use household flyers like the one in question.

Devolin said he's allowed to do one more mailer between now and the fall, however the content has not yet been finalized. He suspects that mailer will be one that is created within his office and not by the caucus.

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Hort society requests exemption from Policy 91

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a May 28 Minden Hills council meeting.

Mary Jane Irwin, a co-president of the Minden and District Horticultural Society, paid council a visit to let members know the society was unhappy about Policy 91 – a new policy dictating how grants to community organizations are handled – and requesting exemption for the hosting of its annual flower show at the community centre. The policy caps grants and fee waivers at \$750 per annum per organization. Irwin told council the society, which plants flowers downtown, including planting and maintenance at the Village Green, could not afford the \$2,000 bill for the rental of the centre and asked the fee be waived in order to maintain the society's relationship with the township.

Councillors were amenable to the request, noting they realized the value of the work done by the society and that there would be some justified exceptions to the new policy.

Looking for consultation

Bob Penfold of the Aging Well in Haliburton County committee made a presentation to council, requesting the committee be given early consultation on public projects so its members have the opportunity to make suggestions on how those projects could be designed to help with seniors' mobility. The committee's focus areas include transportation, communications and safety.

"Very specific thinking of that nature is what we do on a regular basis," Penfold said, stressing that even small design features can make a large difference.

Courtroom for rent

Council voted to make the Minden courtroom – which also serves as council chambers – available to the public for rent, just as it does to the province for the hosting of court days. The rate will be \$190 per day, plus HST, or \$25 per hour, plus HST. Councillor Jeanne Anthon has suggested the space would work well for musical rehearsals, for example.

Hot water tank replaced

A new water tank was installed at the arena, purchased from Kegel Heating and Cooling for \$10,300 plus taxes after the old tank failed. The township's purchasing policy allows the policy – which says purchases of \$10,000 or more must be tendered – to be waived in the case of "emergency replacement."

Ballpark washrooms upgraded

The washrooms at the baseball diamonds will get an overhaul, with council voting to award a contract for the supply and installation of tiling to Lindsay Floor Covering Ltd. for approximately \$7,200 and a contract for the installation of new partitions to Eastern Partitions for approximately \$6,600. Councillors lamented the current state of the washrooms, with Reeve Brent Devolin saying he'd had the "misfortune" of using them and Councillor Jean Neville comparing the washrooms to the set of a horror movie.

Games for Pan Am

Council approved an expenditure of \$8,800 for the rental, delivering, set up and operational of portable sports courts at the Minden Community Centre for programming during the Pan Am Games in July. The volleyball and basketball courts will be free for people to use.

Devolin appointed to conservation authority

Councillors appointed Reeve Brent Devolin to represent Minden Hills on the Kawartha Region Conservation Authority board of directors.

Summer hours for cultural centre

Council approved new summer hours for the cultural centre, which will be in effect from June through August. Tuesdays and Wednesdays the facility will be closed. It will be open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays; noon to 4 p.m. Sundays; and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, including holidays.



Russell deCarle, left, and Steve Briggs perform May 30 in Irondale as part of the Russell deCarle Trio. ELIZABETH BATE staff

Big sound fills unique space in Irondale

by **ELIZABETH BATE**
Times Staff

In a unique space, on an otherwise quiet Saturday night in Irondale, Russell deCarle and the Russell deCarle Trio brought the house down.

The Juno award winner and former Prairie Oyster frontman sang to a packed house at the Irondale Heritage Church May 30 as part of an effort to raise money to restore the building.

The last stop before his tour headed to the East Coast, deCarle, along with Steve Briggs, who also plays with the BeBop Cowboys, and Denis Keldie, played two sets of original songs mixed with covers of old standards, and received two standing ovations.

DeCarle won't call his style country, saying he hasn't been a part of the country music scene since he left Oyster in 2008, but his self-professed Perry Como-like '50s sweetheart style comes with a twang that could only be from the Canadian heartland.

He sings about lonely nights and big skies, girls he lost and ones that make his heart beat quicker, about being down and out, and happy and free.

With quick witticisms and a jovial conversational style in between songs, the concert was as interesting and unique as the space itself.

The Heritage Church is 128 years old. With an interior built to hold just 100 parishioners at most, the high ceilings and old wood panelling make for interesting acoustics.

DeCarle's six string, Briggs's acoustic bass, and Keldie's accordion fit perfectly into the arch of the altar, making a noise that filled the space but didn't overwhelm it. For a man that is no stranger to stadiums, his music seems made for small town nights.

"We spend so much time on the road, and we drive by these little halls. There's so many of these beautiful little buildings all over Ontario that are just sitting empty and this is such a great use of space," deCarle said.

Organizers Doug Rodger and Carol Simmons were excited to turn the church into a hall for another kind of religion.

"I love to see this space get used more for this," said Rodger. "It's a community event. It's joyous and fun."

Simmons said work has already begun on restoration which has involved stripping the paint down to the wood and repainting it. The restoration staff is currently made up entirely of volunteers. They are hoping to have the initial work completed in time to host several weddings booked for this summer.

"We're wearing our volunteers out. You can scrape for a long time and not see anything," she said. "The first time it was painted it was 1951, and it's had four coats since then."

After the night was over deCarle hung around on the front lawn, talking with guests and taking selfies until the misting rain and mosquitoes were too much to endure.

DeCarle said he enjoys sharing his talents with his fans in such an intimate way.

"I love that people are so close to the music."

Blues series wraps up for another season

by **ELIZABETH BATE**
Times Staff

Blues artists Danny Marks and Alec Fraser will close out the winter concert season at the Dominion Hotel in Minden, June 6.

Featuring what organizer Shawn Chamberlin calls the "top of the heap of the blues world" the Blues Showcase is in its fourth year.

Chamberlin says tickets are going quickly for an event that is always sold out.

"The series is incredibly popular," he said. "People always leave wanting more."

The series usually runs from September

to May, but Chamberlin said they squeezed an extra show into June this year to meet demand.

"This series is really special because we're taking people who have made a mark on Canada," Chamberlin said.

Chamberlin describes Marks as a blues encyclopedia. A former member of the band Edward Bear, Marks has a vast knowledge of blues and the Canadian blues scene.

Saturday will mark a return visit for Fraser who Chamberlin calls an incredible bass player. Both musicians have a great sense of humor, which comes out in their show.

"If you want to think of a blues version of

HeeHaw," said Chamberlin about the show. "They're both very funny."

The series began four years ago when Chamberlin was sitting with some friends around a table at the Dominion Hotel and lamenting that there wasn't enough live blues music in the Haliburton Highlands. Chamberlin offered up the hotel as a venue and four years later it is a can't miss event.

One of the objectives of the showcase was to feature Canadian artists, the other was to keep it affordable.

"We've stuck to our guns on the \$20 ticket," he said.

Chamberlin thinks the series is a great in-

troductory to blues for younger listeners and isn't just for fans of the genre.

"The blues is the foundation for so many other genres," he said. "It's real roots music."

After the final show is finished organizers will start planning next year's series in July and August. As well, some blues artists will be featured in some one off and festival shows over the summer.

The show Saturday will start at 8:30 p.m. with the doors open at 6 p.m. for those interested in a pre-show dinner.

Chamberlin is looking forward to the evening. "It's going to be a good night."

Students give a voice to the forest

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The Grade 2/3 class of Archie Stouffer Elementary School took a step towards a better understanding of their backyard this past year with its ground breaking initiative, Our Forest Project – Survey.

Earlier this school year from October to April, 20 students became an element of the forest, reaching an intimacy through knowledge and an awareness of the connection between the non-living and the living organisms in the forest.

They conducted a survey of their community, compiled a graph and created 20 educational postcards – a photo with information on back – with what they learned, which included the importance of healthy plants for a strong and vibrant forest, the effects of littering and pollution has on air and soil quality and the effect motorized users can have on the forest when compared to the majority of users who are hikers/walkers.

Respondents were asked six multiple choice and short answer questions.

One, what kind of living things need/use the forest space the most? Pick two from a list of plants, animals, insects, and humans. Two, what living things do you think help the most to keep the forest healthy? Pick three from the list of plants, animals, birds, insects and humans. Three, what non-livings do you think help the most to keep the forest healthy? Pick three of soil, scat, sun, oxygen, rain, water, dead matter or rocks. Four, what do you think people could do to help keep the forest a healthy habitat? Give two ideas. Five, what things



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do you think do the most damage to the forest? Select three from the list of natural storms, pollution, animals/insects, fires, people and other. Six, list three ways that you use the forest space to give a voice to the animals, the plants and the varied elements of the woods.

The postcard was written from the perspective of an element in the forest, addressing the community about its function and offered suggestions to ensure the wellbeing of the forest. A small selection of the postcards will appear in upcoming issues of County Life.

During the four months, the students learning was enhanced with visits by local artists Thom Lambert and Jackie McChesney, who bolstered the children’s understanding of the elements through teachings using music, dance and drama.

The students not only gained valuable experience and insight when they visited with people in the community, but they also learned how to acquire information and express themselves creatively when they visited the forest and photographed elements such as leaves, trees, scat and animals (or traces) in the completion of the postcards.

The students appreciated the responses from the community, which acknowledged the importance of choices and behaviour has a causal effect on the health of the forest. For example, plastic litter can kill frogs and motorcycles pollute

the air.

Their awareness and interest in the world around them has been piqued by this project.

Grade 2 student Jayde Rowden learned about leaves and their importance for photosynthesis and how they turn carbon dioxide into oxygen.

After this project, Jayde said she will not pick as many plants from the forest as she did before and encourage her father, who works for Hydro One, to not cut as many trees.

Like a lot of young boys, Grade 3 student Jamie Crowe was fascinated by the bear scat in the woods, but discovered its essential role in helping plants grow, acting as fertilizer. The scat often contains seeds, which allows for plants to grow.

Their teachers Michele Coneybeare and Chris Little, who facilitated the effort that provided a cross-section of curriculum learning from science, math and English, called this “authentic learning” where the students not only completed online research, but conducted field research with visits to the forest in the winter behind the Minden school and reaching out to community users of the forest.

Since the completion of the project, Little said the students are “observing with a keener eye” and their ability to make connections between the health of the forest and pollution has “become second nature.”



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Andrew Hodgson – Chair, Haliburton County Development Corporation |
| 9:10 – 9:15 | Video – Community Futures Development Corporations in Canada |
| 9:15 – 9:45 | Facility Transformation – YMCA Wanakita
Andy Gruppe – General Manager YMCA Wanakita
Bryan Webber – VP Financial Development YMCA Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford |
| 9:45-10:15 | Biochar Centre of Excellence
Mike Anderson – Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve |
| 10:15-10:45 | Bitcoin comes to the Highlands
Shawn & Tyler Butchart |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | Break |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Technology Brings Health Care to our Homes
Varouj Eskedjian – President & CEO, Haliburton Highlands Health Services |
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On April 29, the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan Act, 2015 was approved by the Ontario Legislature. The ORPP will be a standalone, mandatory pension plan requiring employers and employees to contribute 1.9 percent of an employee's yearly earnings (up to a maximum of \$90,000) per year.

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'Nowhere' not a hit with council

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Like many Haliburton County residents, councillors for the municipality don't seem amused by the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization's "Nowhere" campaign.

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OHTO's jurisdiction includes areas from the Ottawa Valley to Haliburton County.

There has been a significant amount of criticism of the campaign in the Haliburton Highlands, including the recording of a parody Beatles' song, "Now Here Man."

"I'm really offended by the 'nowhere' campaign," Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen said during a May 27 county council meeting.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said there's been some confusion in the community about where the slogan had originated and stressed that it was a creation of OHTO and not the municipality.

"The county had nothing to do with it," Moffatt said. "Local media producers had nothing to do with it. It's not us."

"Sometimes consultants are useful ... sometimes they're questionable," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

OHTO hired marketing firm Karo to create the campaign.



Elizabeth Bate is the new summer reporter for the Minden Times and Haliburton County Echo. You can reach her at elizabeth@haliburtonpress.com. /DARREN LUM Staff

New reporter wants to hear your stories

by ELIZABETH BATE
Times StaffAs a writer and story-teller I've always been drawn to new places. It excites me to make discoveries about the world around me, meet new people, and hear new perspectives. I know my view of the world is never quite complete, and I'm always seeking to expand it. That's why I was so excited to be hired on as the summer reporter for the *Haliburton County Echo* and the *Minden Times*, although it's not an entirely unfamiliar area for me.

I remember lounging on the dock, splashing in the water, and eating at the Kawartha Dairy as a kid; summers spent with my grandparents at their vacation spot of choice, a lodge in the Haliburton Highlands. I remember the summer I was obsessed with the dairy's rainbow sherbet and insisted on ordering it after dinner. Every night. For a whole summer. As an adult I hope I've become a little more creative in my food choices, and I can't wait to relive some of those nostalgic moments as I try every flavour there is.

Working with the *Echo* and the *Times* I hope to help bring the community the high standard of news you've come to expect from such great publications. As a journalist with nine years experience from various places across the country I hope I can bring something valuable to the team here while getting to know the many amazing trails, events, and people that the highlands has to offer. Don't be afraid to stop me in the street to say hi, share a bit of news, tell me the best place to get lunch, or show me a picture of the biggest fish you ever caught. I want to hear your stories, and tell them all in a way that makes you proud.

Reserve your spot for Junk in Your Trunk



LEGION BR. 636

Attention card fans, next Sunday June 7 is our monthly "Big" Euchre Day. Twelve games of cards starting at noon for just \$12, and lunch is included. You do not have to be a member of Minden Legion; the day is open to the public. Sports fans will also be gathering in the clubroom, and snacks and your favourite beverage will be available for sale. The patio is open, hopefully the weather will continue to co-operate! Did you know that Minden Legion also has free Wifi, so come in and update your status with the good time you're having here!

Reserve your spot now for "Junk in Your Trunk" sale which is happening July 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Minden Legion. Clear out your garage, your basement or spare room of those extra treasures and trinkets. There are a limited

number of spots at just \$15. Book yours now by calling the Branch at 705-286-4541. You'll be able to sell whatever you can pack into the space from your trunk, or trailer, or truck at the Legion parking lot on Hwy 35 at the Haliburton turnoff. You keep your profit, pay just for the spot and we take care of the rest!

Last Saturday friends and family of veteran George Corbisier gathered at Minden Legion for a surprise 90th birthday party. There was a large crowd and the hall had been decorated by George's granddaughters. He was very surprised and pleased. The scrumptious food was prepared by Lee MacLean and her helpers, Lois McKnight and Thelma Lee. All in all, a wonderful afternoon for a very special member.

If you have an event to celebrate, a family reunion, or just a large get-together with friends, why not call the Legion and reserve your special day? There are a few dates still open and you don't have to clean the house or wash up the dishes afterwards!

By the time you read this article, Minden Legion will have held its first General Membership Meeting for 2015-16.

Judy Flieger, who is returning as president, would like to thank all the outgoing members of the executive for their service during the very successful year just finished, and she looks forward to working with the new executive team.

On behalf of the officers and executive of Minden Legion, our thanks to our valuable volunteers for their hard work and commitment to the branch, and a special note of appreciation to our guests who attend and participate in all our events that are open to the public.

Also at that meeting, annual reports were presented for the year just ended and several new members were scheduled to be initiated.

With Canada Day Parade and Decoration Day coming up, Sgt-at-Arms Jim McKinnon is actively recruiting more members for the Colour Party.

Members of the Legion who may be interested in this role are asked to leave a message for Jim at 705-286-4541

Former councillor walking for Dorset health hub

DORSET NEWS

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Many of you know of Gord Henderson and his fundraising walk on the 1000 year old pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago. 100 per cent of funds raised go to the Dorset Community Health Care Hub.

Here is Gord's most recent post (as of this writing) on the Dorset community blog:

"I'm staying here in beautiful Leon Spain for a full day before resuming my walk toward Santiago. There's 200 miles ahead and each day brings new people, adventure and stunning scenery along the way. It feels good to take this break

today and visit some of the history and architecture of Leon built originally as a Roman military garrison city. Part of the walk leading to here was along an original Roman road built 20 centuries ago. It's impossible not to be in awe of the human history found throughout this part of the world. A few days ago I walked through a town named Atapuerca (pop 200). The caves of that area were declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 2000 after finding the earliest human remains ever discovered in Europe dating back over 900,000 years. Most days have been blue skies while walking into a fairly strong and cooling west wind. One of the key items while walking is hydration so I've continually refilled my two water bottles in each town which generously have fountains within their central plaza areas for this purpose. Despite my lack of local language skills I've managed to discover that 'cafe con leche' gets me the coffee I like but more importantly, red wine 'vino tinto' is served anytime of the day (even breakfast), and it tastes delicious and is cheaper by the glass than the cup of coffee! Although my pace has been ahead of schedule so far largely due to the amazing weather, the remaining days ahead may become more shaded in red from the glass at my table! Just kidding but it's fun to imagine ... I'm impressed with how many other hikers have multilingual skills of varying degrees. It certainly allows for interesting chats such as the girl I spoke to yesterday from Hungary. She also spoke English, Spanish and some German and was basically an unemployed

(career paused) intelligent person discovering this new experience while deciding what to do next. Her current passion is to start a bakery business back home or somewhere else. It's exciting to hear some of the ideas along the way. Tomorrow I head toward Mazarife which is approx 23 km and this 'hotel' layover day will be a fond memory buenos dias and adios!"

Gord has raised over \$3,000 so far. If you would like to sponsor, visit www.dorsetcanada.com.

A little reminder about the annual Dorset community soil preparation and planting taking place next week on Monday, June 8 starting at 9:30 a.m. All volunteers welcome to help beautify the hamlet to meet near the bagged soil area at Robinson's. Bring small shovels, trowels, gloves and bug defense and thank you on behalf of Dorset!

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TIMES SPORTS



HHSS track and field stars

Red Hawks volunteer coach/graduate Sandy Griffith, athlete Becca Anderson, Shae MacNaull, who was sixth in senior javelin, Bennett Gibson, who holds his eighth place ribbon for the 100 metre dash, Izac Reid, who was fifth in junior discus, and Cody Bain stand together at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations East Region event from May 28 to 29 at the Thousand Islands Secondary School in Brockville. The Red Hawks junior track athlete Kenndal Marsden and senior Ryan Hill earned berths to the all-provincials this week at Varsity Stadium in Toronto with top four finishes in their respective events. Marsden, who finished fifth in the long jump was tied for fourth before a competitor edged her out, finished fourth in the 200 metre dash while Hill finished third in the javelin. Submitted by Bruce Griffith

HHSS girls lose soccer game in penalty shots

Congratulations to the junior girls' soccer team on their silver medal at COSSA. The girls played a fantastic game, maintaining possession of the play for the majority of the game. St. Pauls went up 1-0 on a free kick but Haliburton rallied to tie the game with a goal from

Hannah Klose (on an excellent pass from Cassidy Glecoff). The game remained tied in overtime and was decided in penalty shots, where Haliburton lost by one goal.

Submitted by Judi Paul



ASES track and field stars

Above, Haley Boylan of Archie Stouffer Elementary School runs the 200 metre at the county track meet held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School May 31. Below, Conner Spence from Archie Stouffer Elementary School participates in the long jump at the country track meet held at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on May 31. Spence was a finalist in his category. ELIZABETH BATE staff



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Remember to celebrate dad this month

AROUND THE TOWN

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Here at the old farmhouse I am particularly partial to this glorious but cooler morning weather which is more compatible with my limited wardrobe having given up shorts and tank tops years ago.

This past weekend we celebrated Bruce's birthday with an indoor picnic here Saturday evening then restaurant dining out twice on Sunday. He received some great gifts, a homemade cake shaped like a baseball mitt and cards worth keeping. What to get him is always challenging and radio news of an auction in England caught my attention. Apparently a major auction house was putting strands of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's and Ludwig Van Beethoven's hair on the block and this was briefly tempting until the estimated winning bid prices were announced. For \$19,000 Mozart locks and for \$3,800 Beethoven's could have a place of honour in your home, hopefully where the

Molly Maids wouldn't vacuum them up. In the end we went for a cellphone and after instruction by the younger generations he is really pleased with all the options. Daughter Megan reported delighting in an "app" on her much more sophisticated phone which can change the TV channel if the remote control holder has fallen asleep with that device firmly clenched in his hand.

A reminder for residents of Kinmount who live in the City of Kawartha Lakes. There will be a town hall meeting with Mayor Andy Latham, Ward 3 Councillor Gord Miller and City staff on Saturday, June 13 at 10 a.m. in the Burnt River Community Centre. This is one of 10 such meetings being held across the city at which staff will share core programs, directions and priorities with an opportunity for dialogue.

On Wednesday, June 17 the regular meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will be held at the Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the speaker at 7 p.m. This is a return visit by Barbara Tose who will present "Travels with my Aunt - Adventures in Europe in 1914." Also there will be a mini presentation "Interesting Finds in Unusual Places." Everyone is welcome and there

is no charge. Coffee and cookies are available and for more information contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 705-286-2225.

Please note that the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace located on the lower level of the Kinmount Community Centre is now open on Thursdays as well as Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. As of June 18th it will be open daily and offers a free entry into its Summer Draw with any purchase. In mid-August winners are drawn for prizes created and donated by members of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild.

The Friends of the Library will hold its monthly book sale on Saturday, June 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the Kinmount Branch. At 50 cents each there are lots of bargains for your summer reading.

Reading Board Chair Bill Lee's June edition of the Kinmount United Church Newsletter I learned that later this month on Sunday, June 21st it will be Father's Day, the Summer Solstice and Canada's National Aboriginal Day.

Apparently the idea of having a Father's Day originated with Sonora Smart Dodd after hearing a Mother's Day sermon in church. Sonora had been raised by her father and felt that there should be a recognition for Dads

as well. Solstice is derived from the Latin words for "sun" and "to stop" and on that day the Earth's axis is tilted the most up to 26 degrees.

In recognition of National Aboriginal Day there will be a special guest at Kinmount United Church that morning as celebrated quilter/artist and Curve Lake resident Alice Olsen Williams visits. The Service begins at 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Paul Irwin presiding. Alice's website is <http://www.pimaatisiwinquilts.com>. The historic Church is located up on the hill at 15 Cluxton Avenue (Kinmount House B&B is on the corner) and all are most welcome.

Here is a great way to conserve rain water for your garden and house plants. FEEL [Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning] have Rain Barrels for sale at a cost of \$60 with proceeds to the Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival. Barrels can be ordered by phoning 705-754-5857, by email at thomas75@bell.net, or online at RainBarrel.ca/feel and will be available for pick up on Saturday, June 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at 12750 Hwy. 35 beside Kawartha Dairy.

Until next week keep busy and well. They go together.

by Patti Fleury

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County card scores

May 26 OSCA bridge at Stanhope: At the OSGA Bridge Tournament duplicate bridge was played in the morning and contract bridge in the afternoon. Leading the duplicate bridge results in North/South at the Gold level were Elaine Burbidge and Dee MacLean 58 percent, at the Silver level our bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh partnered with Ross Davies 56 percent and at the Bronze level Tom and Dorothy Howat 55 percent. East/West Gold winners were Fran and Norm Smith 60 percent and Silver honours went to Sandy McKay and Heather Lindsay 59 percent while Gord Cochrane and Art Steed took the Bronze level at 55 percent. With 12 points and a score of 5,990 Jean Collins and Fran Smith captured the Gold level in contract bridge, Dee MacLean and Elaine Burbidge won the Silver level with 10 points and a score of 4,950 and Judy Neimann partnered with Mary Johnson claimed the Bronze level with 10 points and a score of 4,840.

May 26 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that Marie Lennard topped the charts at 5,270 then David Greig 4,710 and Dave Heaven 3,830. There was one Small Slam over the morning by Gerald Bergin partnered with Carol Thompson.

May 26 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Most lone hands honours went to Reta Crofts with Donna Darby high lady and Linda Schrader low. For the gents Hazel [Harry] Benetin took top marks and Betty [Doodah] Hicks was low while. Linda Schrader won the special prize. Nancy McPherson reminds

that there will be euchre on June 16th and 30th with 2 sessions planned in each of July and August. For more specific details she can be contacted at 705-286-3339.

May 26 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Yette Ezard 287, Clare Obdam 255, Pearl Cowen 248 and Theresa Deak 243. First for the gents at 321 was Al McMullen followed by Marcel Roussel 268, Jesse Barlow 263 and Albert Foster 261. Eileen Shapiera won the major draw with Karin Harrison, Bev Johnson and Karen Chapman picking up the smaller prizes. Betty Wagar also reports that there were three moonshots going to Marcy Morgan, Georgina Parkes and Theresa Deak.

May 27 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Dorothy and Tom Howat led at 63 percent followed by Jan and Dave Heaven 58 percent, Sue Pethick and Diana Spicer 56 percent and Gord Cochrane partnered with Peter O'Connor 55 percent.

May 27 bid euchre at Stanhope: At 301 Marg Oetelaar led the whites then Peter Farr 281 and Tom Macartney 258 while tied for first for the pinks at 266 were Anne Manning and Marion Farr with Linda Voycey 252 third. Linda Lambert also reports that Anne Manning and Tom Macartney along with Marion and Peter Farr took the moonshots.

May 28 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Clare Obdam 310, Muriel McIntosh 293, Janice Davidson 283 and Pat Roussel 238. First for the gents at 284 was Marcel Roussel with Archie Ross

and Karen Chapman tied for second at 229, Tom Grix third at 219 and Ron Morrison 218 fourth. Janice Davidson won for call 1, Ron Morrison held the hidden score and Diane Wigley took the card draw while Muriel McIntosh, Ron Morrison, Clare Obdam and Al McMullen claimed the moonshots. Thanks to Bev Johnson for this update.

May 28 euchre at Minden Legion: Tom Grix reports that Muriel McIntosh and Tom Bagshaw held the most lone hands with Joyce Broersma and Jesse Barlow posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Kaye Bull and Yvonne Arbuthnot while Theresa Deak won the draw and Cheryl O'Dell, Kaye Bull, Donna Darby and Tom Orr took home the other prizes.

May 29 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/South honours went to Jackie Metcalf and Ross Fletcher 56 percent then Tom Howat partnered with Marj Wilson 54 percent and Nancy Jackson teamed with Helen Baker 52 percent. First in East/West at 57 percent were Milt and Shirley Barry with Vange Croucher and Art Steed next at 52 percent and Sue Pethick partnered with Joan Davies third at 51 percent.

May 29 bid euchre at Club 35: For the pinks Dorene Elstone took top marks at 282 then our reporter Jean Dutka 270 and Linda Voycey 254. First for the blues at 278 was Garth Windsor followed by Al McMullen 267 and David Lamb 259 with Marg Oetelaar holding the hidden score.

May 30 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace,

Minden: At 283 Pat Roussel was tops for the ladies then Karen Chapman 259, Karin Harrison 255 and Barb Robitaille 245. Our reporter Albert Foster led the gents at 321 followed by Ida Young 271, Dorothy McElwain 244 and Ron Morrison 227. Barb Robitaille won the major special prize with Jean Randell, Wayne Jones and Vi Howell claiming the smaller rewards while Bev Johnson, Dorothy McElwain and Diane Wigley [2] took the moonshots.

June 1 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Most lone hands holders were Lyn Preston and our reporter Tim Sharpe with Pearl Cowen and Mabel Deacon posting the high scores. Penny Catanho had the afternoon's low while Kay aylor took home the special prize.

June 1 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The high scoring trio members were our interim reporter Gala Newell 322, Hazel Benetin 292 and Dorothy McElwain 255 with Pauline Franzen the draw winner.

June 1 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: From Sherin Brown the news that Joan Riel won for high hands, Arthur Forbes for lone hands, Peter O'Reilly for low hands and Jean Randell for the special prize.

June 1 euchre at Club 35: Most lone hand honours went to Marg Oetelaar with our reporter Jean Dutka and Linda Voycey posting the high scores. The evening's lows were recorded by Clara Miscio and Anne Manning while Jean Dutka also claimed the baloney.



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Employment Period: July 7 & August 25

Required: Valid First Aid & CPR certificate EA, PSW, SSW or ECE Diploma or college/ university students with experience working with youth with developmental and behavior challenges.

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If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please send your resume in confidence by June 11, 2015 to:

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Meeting at 10:00am
Our Guest Speaker is
Brent Devolin Reeve
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Robin & Ken Barry
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I would like to thank all my clients former employees & apprentices that have helped me grow into what I am and what I have accomplished to this day.

Even though many I have taught they also have taught me and given me great satisfaction.

On Friday June 12 2015 I will proudly hand over my keys to an amazing hairstylist
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Robin was basically born in a beauty salon as her mom hairstylist had her working for her at a very young age.

Robin will open her doors on June 15 2015 to begin her own adventure with lots of experience & ambition.

We will be working as a team then!

I wish Robin and Ken all the blessings our good Lord has given my family.

Saturday June 6 2015 Shear Talent soon to become Robins Nest will be having an open house from 12:00 - 4:00. Please Come!

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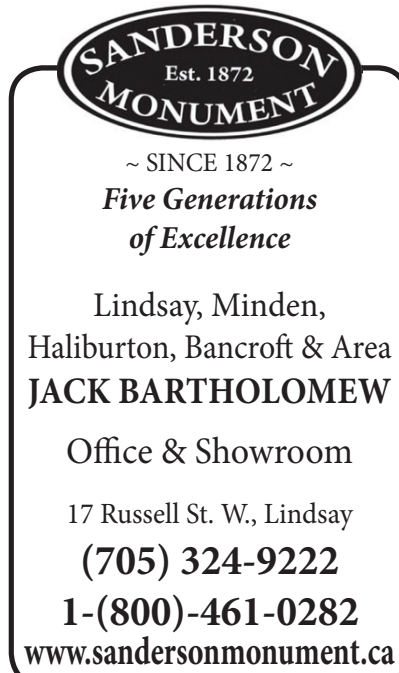


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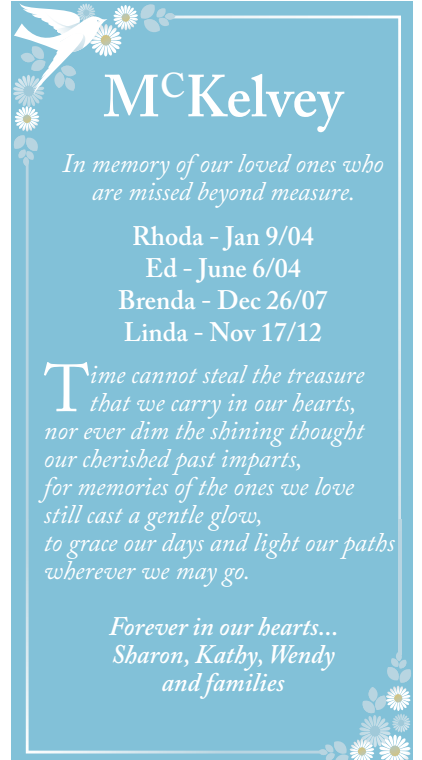
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for memories of the ones we love
still cast a gentle glow,
to grace our days and light our paths
wherever we may go.*

*Forever in our hearts...
Sharon, Kathy, Wendy
and families*

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650 OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of
Scott K. Grainger

Passed away suddenly at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, as a result of an accident on Monday, December 22, 2014. Scott was 47 years old.

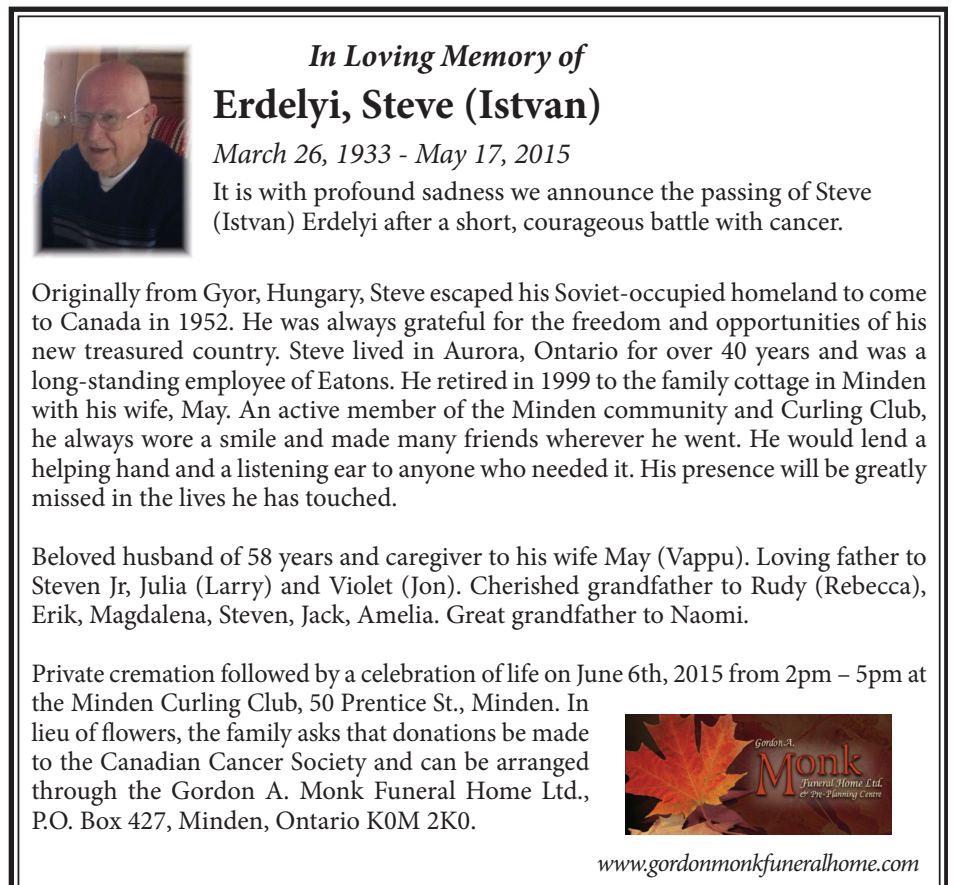
Scott is the son of Todd and Gail Grainger of Minden, brother of Julia "Julie" Grainger, and uncle of Chanse and Shyanne. Sadly missed by his family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Saturday, June 13, 2015 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Memorial Service to celebrate Scott's Life at 1:00pm. Interment at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. A reception will follow back at the Funeral Home in the Monk-Cray Family Centre. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Minden Food Bank or to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory of
Erdelyi, Steve (Istvan)

March 26, 1933 - May 17, 2015

It is with profound sadness we announce the passing of Steve (Istvan) Erdelyi after a short, courageous battle with cancer.

Originally from Gyor, Hungary, Steve escaped his Soviet-occupied homeland to come to Canada in 1952. He was always grateful for the freedom and opportunities of his new treasured country. Steve lived in Aurora, Ontario for over 40 years and was a long-standing employee of Eatons. He retired in 1999 to the family cottage in Minden with his wife, May. An active member of the Minden community and Curling Club, he always wore a smile and made many friends wherever he went. He would lend a helping hand and a listening ear to anyone who needed it. His presence will be greatly missed in the lives he has touched.

Beloved husband of 58 years and caregiver to his wife May (Vappu). Loving father to Steven Jr, Julia (Larry) and Violet (Jon). Cherished grandfather to Rudy (Rebecca), Erik, Magdalena, Steven, Jack, Amelia. Great grandfather to Naomi.

Private cremation followed by a celebration of life on June 6th, 2015 from 2pm - 5pm at the Minden Curling Club, 50 Prentice St., Minden. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Canadian Cancer Society and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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- Loads of space with a private yard

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- 349 feet of lake front, great privacy
- Traditional cottage with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths
- Boat house with sitting deck at the water's edge
- Great building sites for new dream cottage

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24

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- 3 Bdrm home/cottage, set amongst 1000s of acres of crown land
- Large window overlooking the lake, wood burning stove & master suite w/ sunroom
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- 150 ft lakefront plus over 150 ft riverfront on 2.9A
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- West facing perfectly flat lot with lots of decks
- 1975 s.f. living space in cottage and 2 bunkies

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- Cathedral Pine Ceilings, Turn-key
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Haliburton Home \$259,900



- Beautiful 3 bdrm, 3 bath home on approx. 3 acres, just minutes from Haliburton Village
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- Pure sand beach western exposure
- Boat house with marine rail
- One of the originals, lovely lot

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Country Home w/Pond - 1.4 acres \$329,000



- 3 bdrm brick bungalow
- Reclaimed antique flrs
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- Kitchen/bath/den-basement

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22

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Gull Lake...Just Imagine



- 12 totally private acres to call your own
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Beautiful Moore Lake \$339,800



- Beautiful 2 bedroom home or cottage
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- West exposure & private lot,
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David Lee 286-2138 x 27

NEW PRICE

Big Barnum Lake \$599,000



- Viceroy style cottage w/250' ftg & west exp
- Open concept, pine vaulted ceilings, stone FP
- Master ensuite, walk-in closet & w/o to deck
- 480 sq ft Bunkie, great privacy, no motor lake

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Bobcaygeon Road \$19,000



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- Year Round Municipal Road
- Pretty Views from Back of Property

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32

NEW LISTING

Trooper Lake \$349,000



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